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APPLICANTS: Forde et al. CONFIRMATION NO.: 4305  
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TITLE: Over-the-Wire Interlock Attachment/Detachment Mechanism

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby make of record the references listed on the accompanying PTO Form 1449 for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. Copies of the references are enclosed.

REMARKS

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and 1.98, this statement is being filed (CHECK ONE):

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- ☐ (2) after the period defined in (1) but before the mailing date of a **Final Rejection** or **Notice of Allowance**, and
- ☐ the requisite Statement is below, **OR**
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- ☐ Applicant hereby Petitions the Commissioner to accept and consider the attached Information Disclosure Statement, **AND**
- ☐ the requisite Statement is below, **AND**

- ☐ the requisite petition fee due under Rule 1.17(i)(I), namely \$130.00 is included herein.

It is respectfully requested that each of the references shown on the attached Form PTO-1449 be made of record in this application.

### STATEMENT

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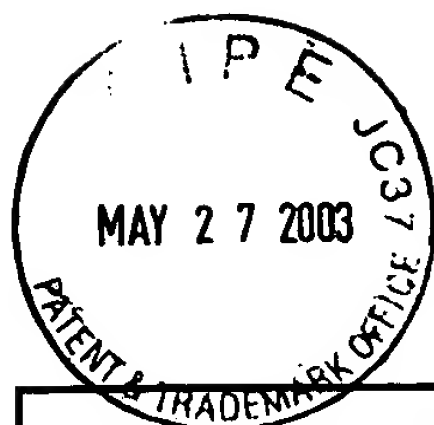
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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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